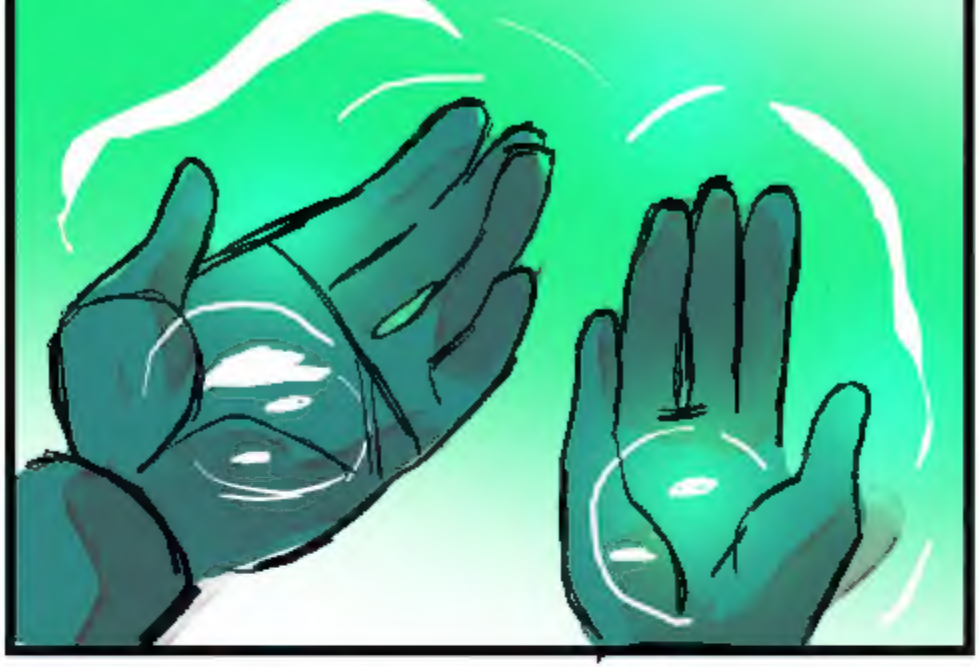

SPLASH!

ANY LUCK GETTING THROUGH TO DON AND THE OTHERS YET?

TAP

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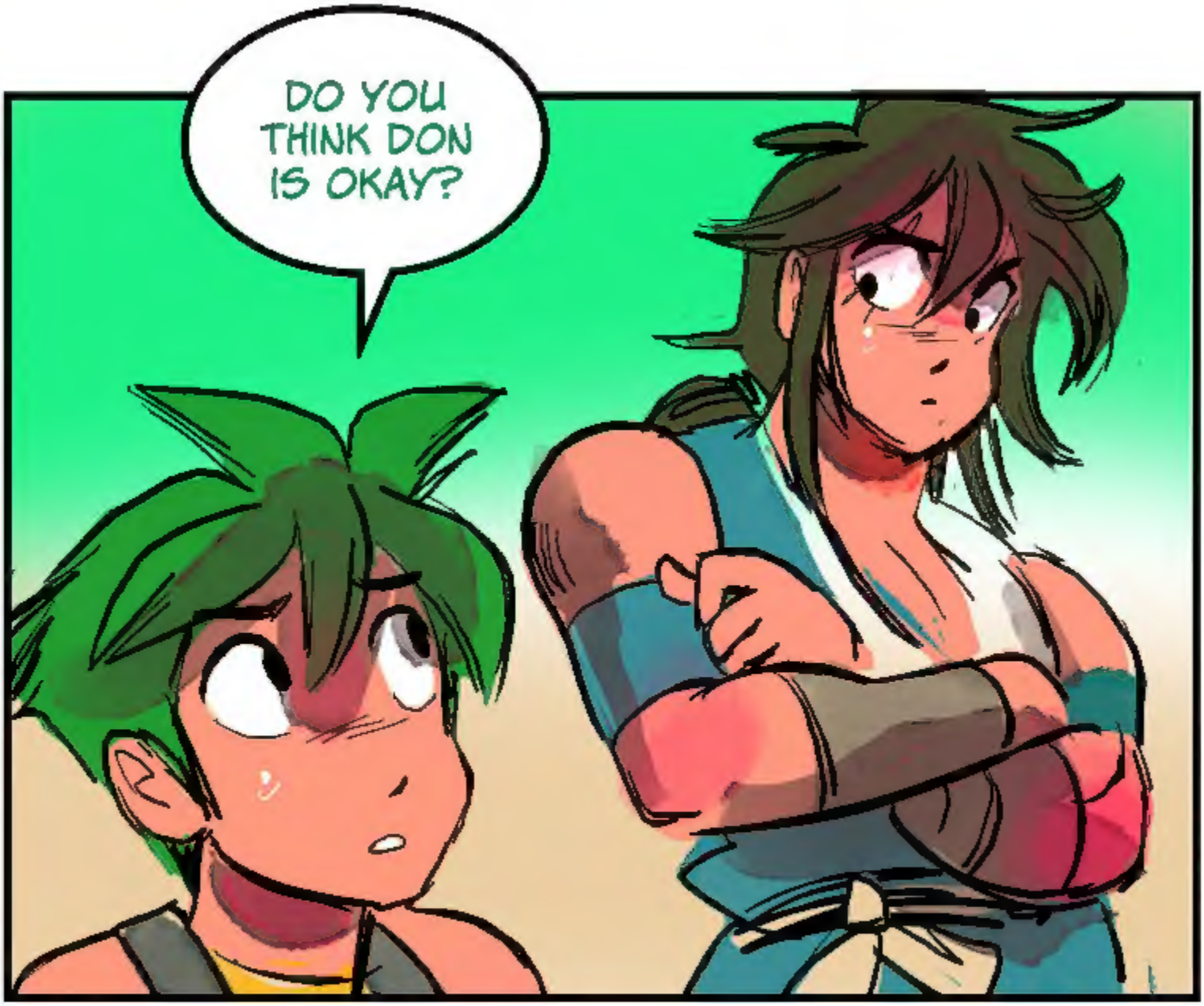
I HAVE
A FULL SIGNAL,
AND I'VE BEEN USING THE
CHANNEL THAT YOU GAVE ME,
BUT SO FAR THERE'S BEEN
NO RESPONSE.


DO YOU THINK DON IS OKAY?

...

EVEN IF HE WEREN'T, SOMEONE SHOULD BE THERE TO PICK UP...

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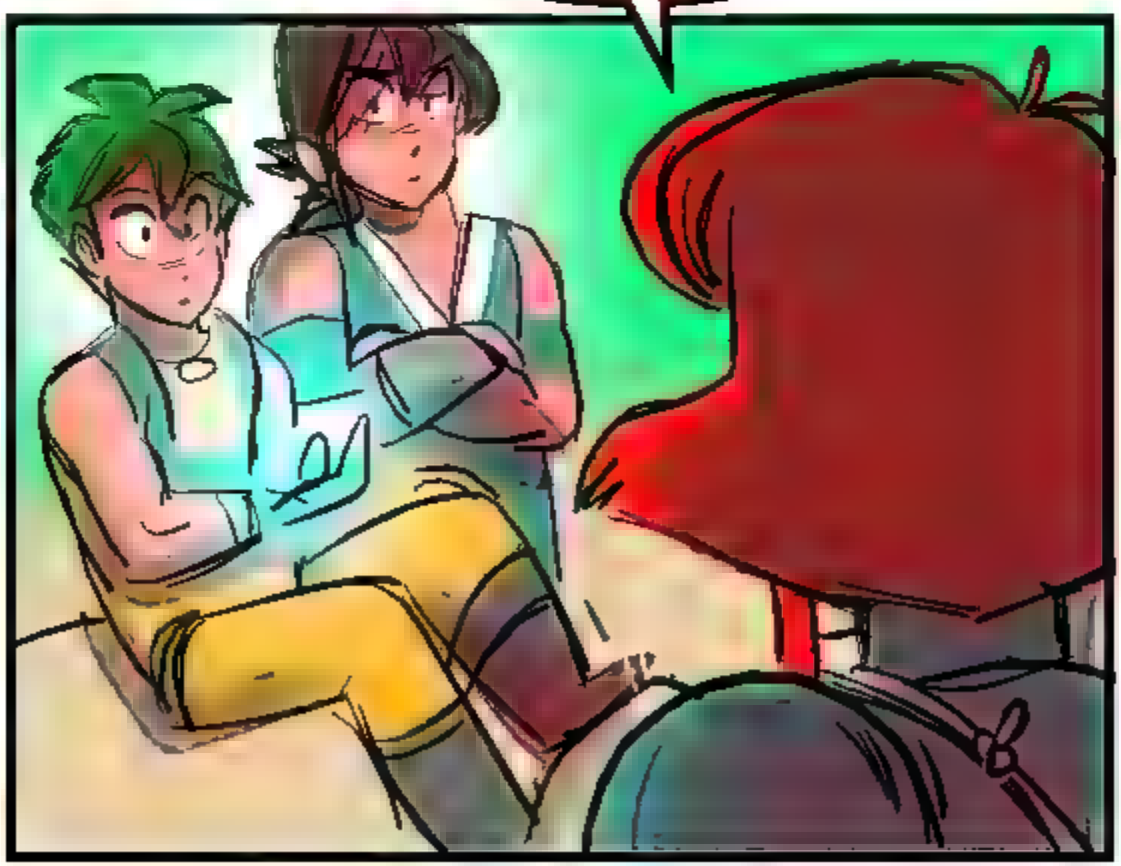
"THE PAST IS LONG RESIGNED"

I ADMIT SOMETHING DOESN'T FEEL RIGHT...

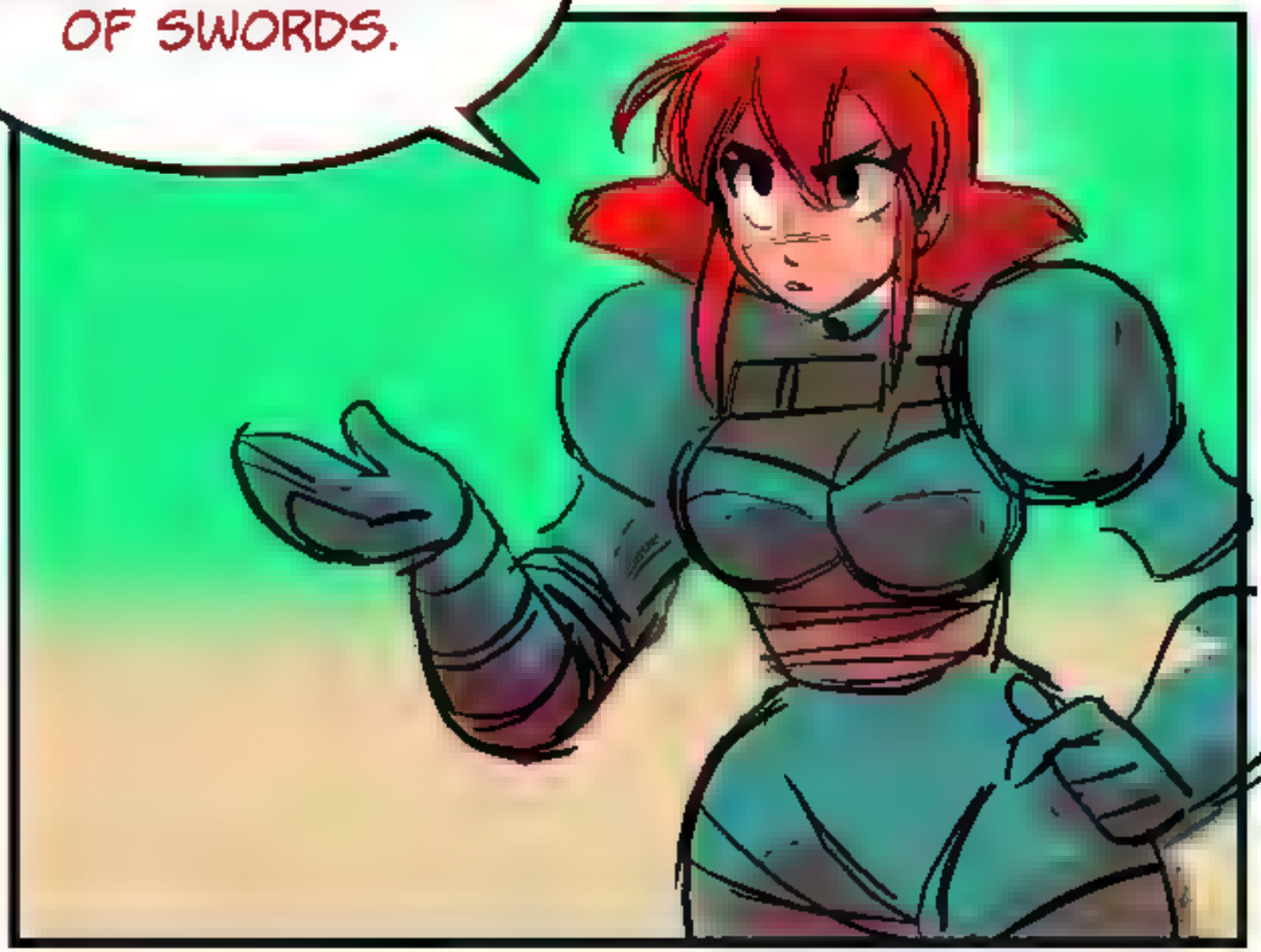
THE SOONER WE DEAL WITH TWO, THE BETTER...

IN THE MEANTIME, KEEP TRYING EVERY FEW HOURS.

DEAL WITH TWO? WHAT DO YE MEAN?

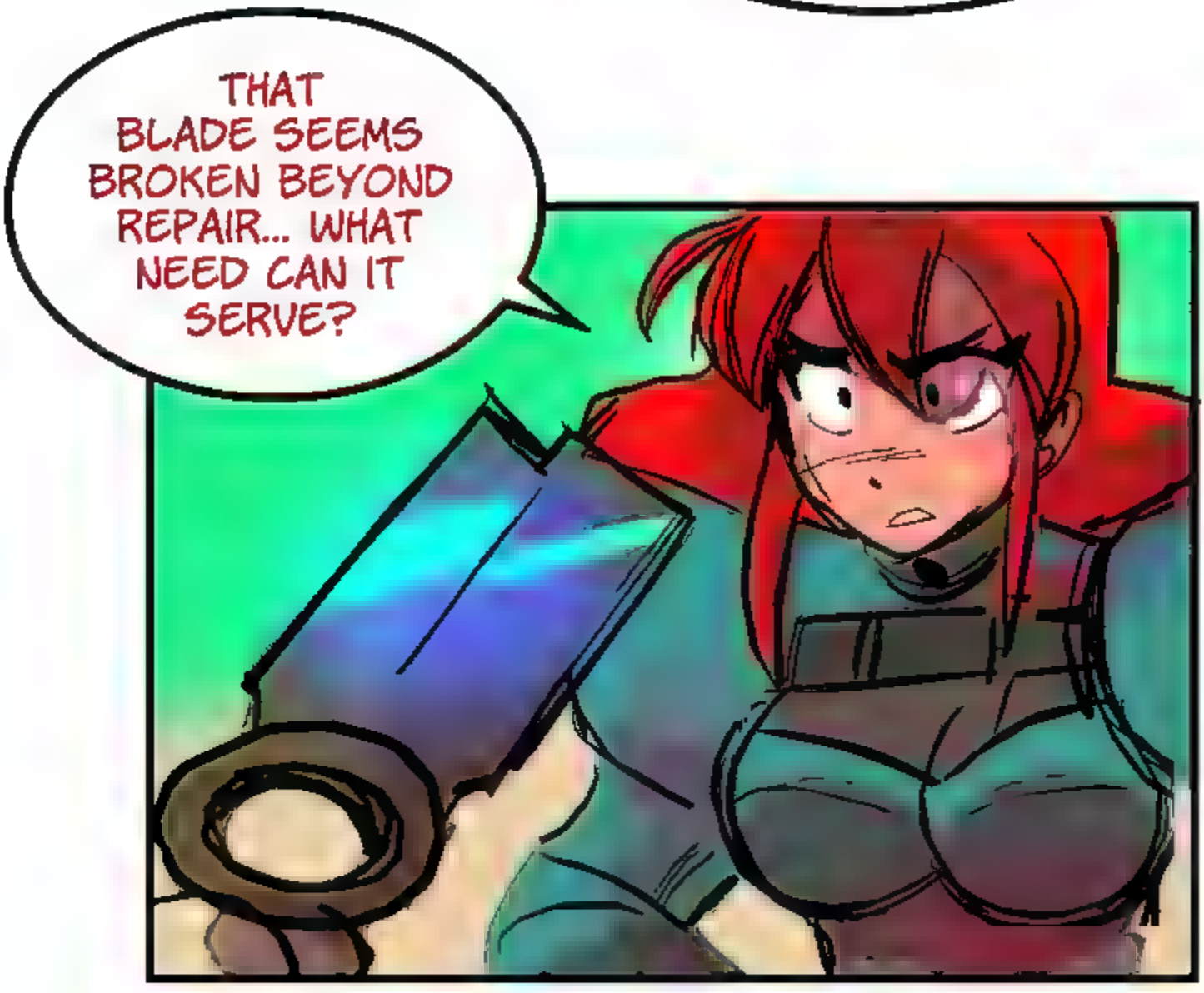


I THOUGHT YE SAID WE WERE GOING TO THE ROOM OF SWORDS.



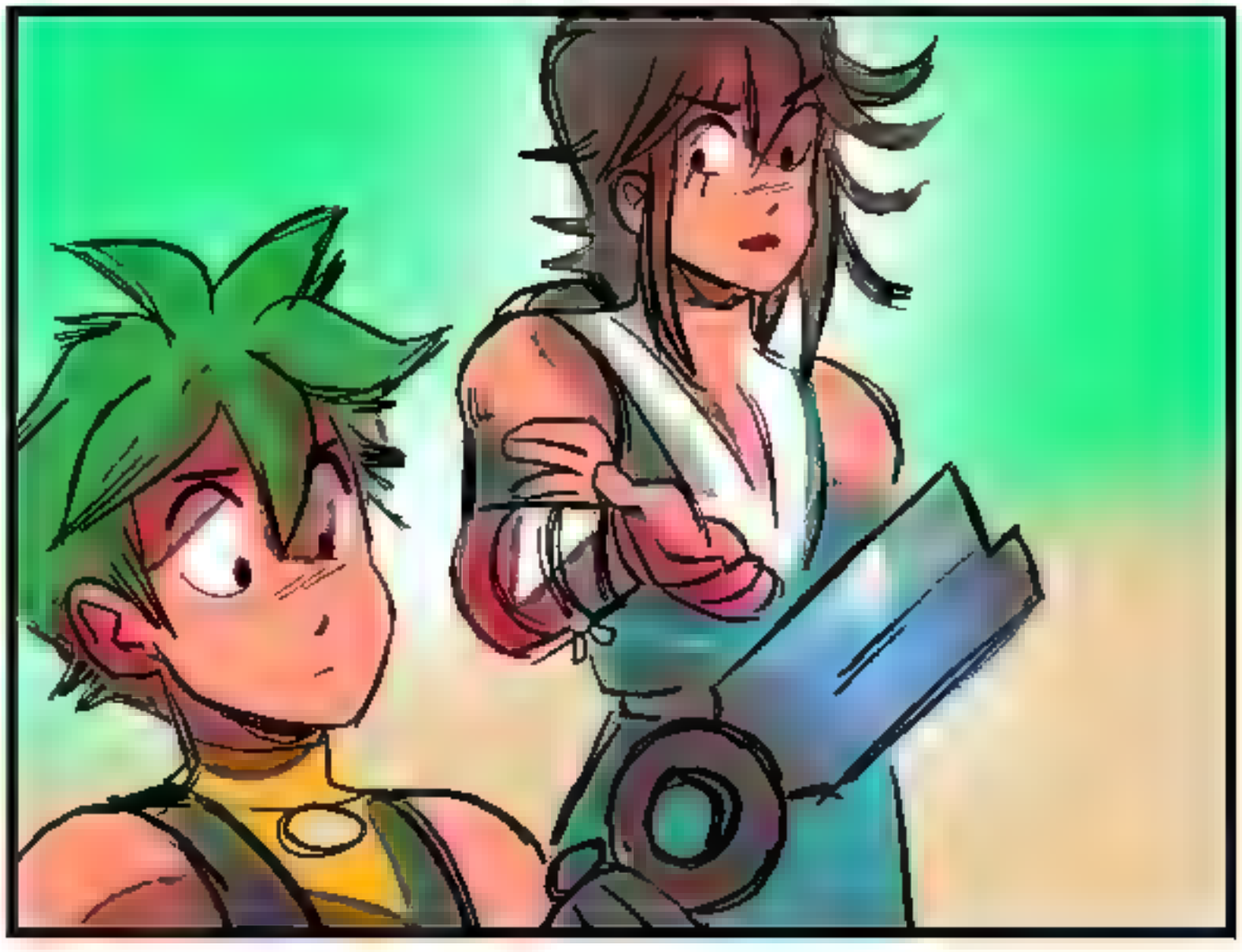
TWO IS A GIANT WHO HAS THE OTHER HALF OF THIS SWORD.

WE NEED TO GET IT FROM HER BEFORE WE CAN GET TO THE ROOM OF SWORDS.



THIS IS NOT AN ORDINARY SWORD. IT'S ONE OF THE BOSS SWORDS THAT MUST BE

COLLECTED IN ORDER TO 'RESTORE' THE ROOM OF SWORDS.



THINK OF IT AS A KEY, IF IT HELPS. THE POINT IS, WE'RE NOT GETTING INTO THE ROOM OF SWORDS WITHOUT THE FULL THING.

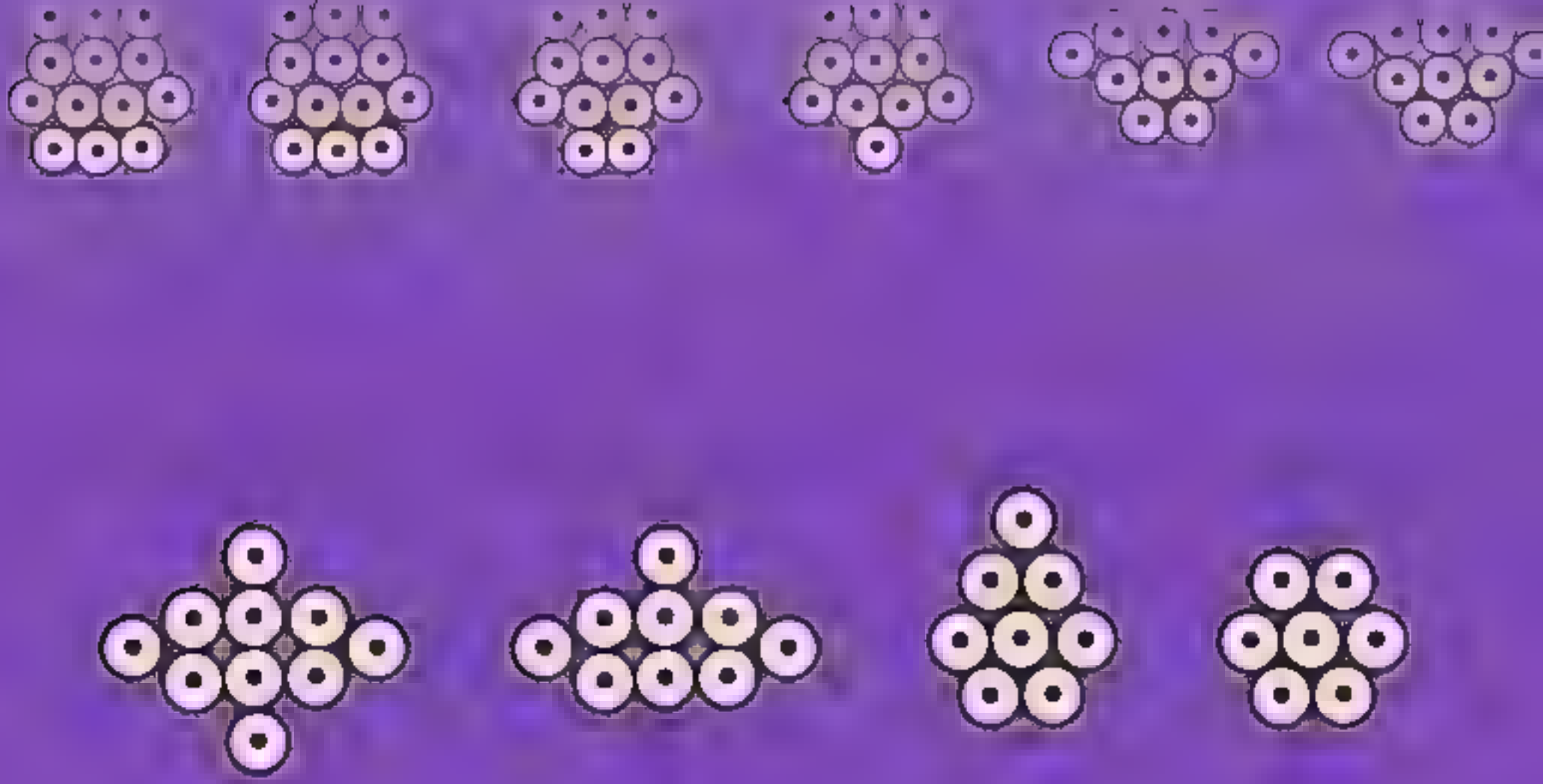
VERY WELL... HOW DO WE FIND THIS "TWO"?
SHE SHOULD BE SOMEWHERE NEAR THE CASTLE.
SHE'S A BIT LIKE THE GIANTS WE SAW EARLIER BUT SHE HAS ONLY TWO

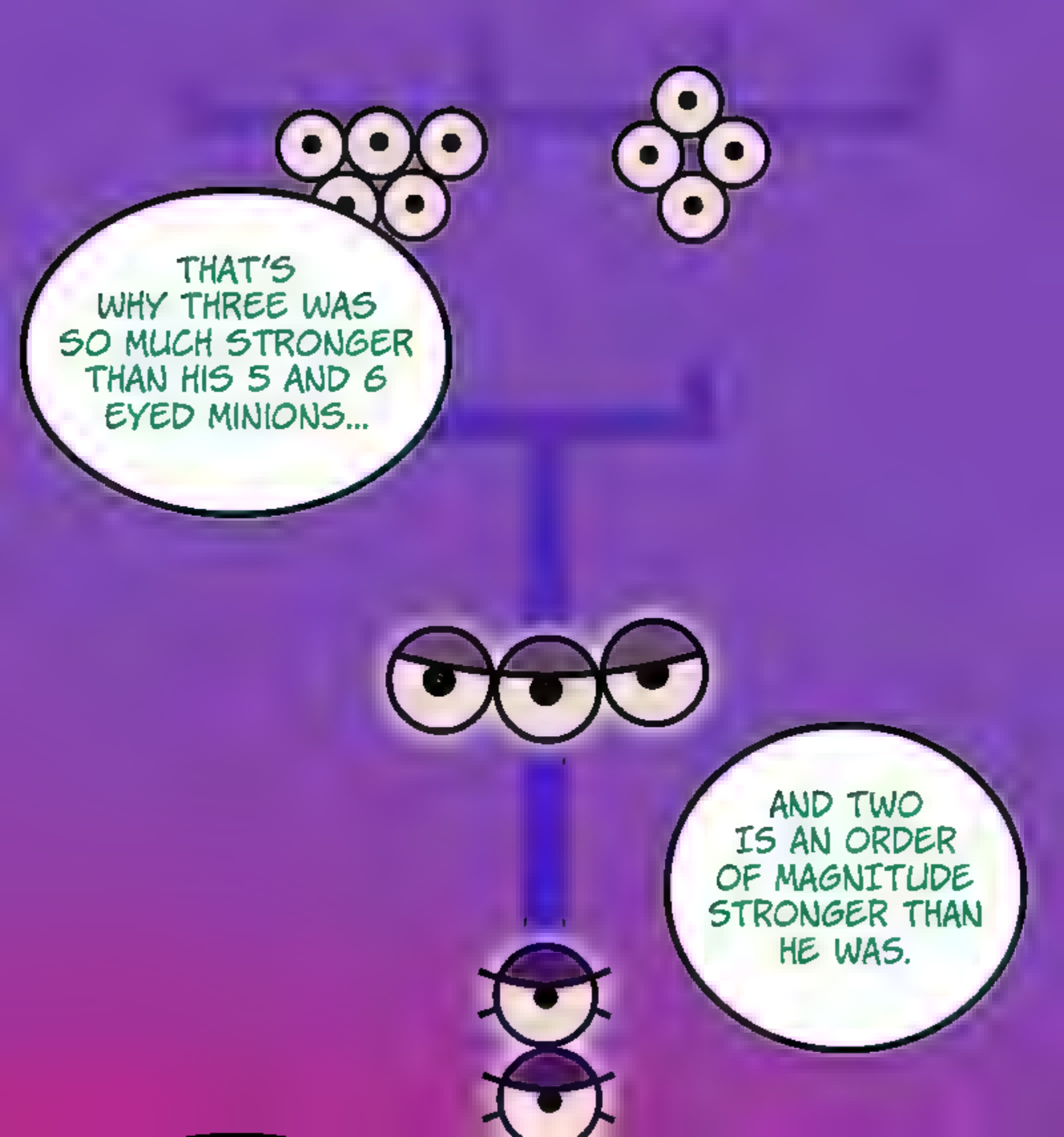
EYES, SO WE NEED TO BE MORE CAREFUL.

...WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES THAT MAKE?

SORRY, I GUESS I SHOULD EXPLAIN... THE MONSTERS HERE COME WITH DIFFERENT NUMBERS OF EYES...

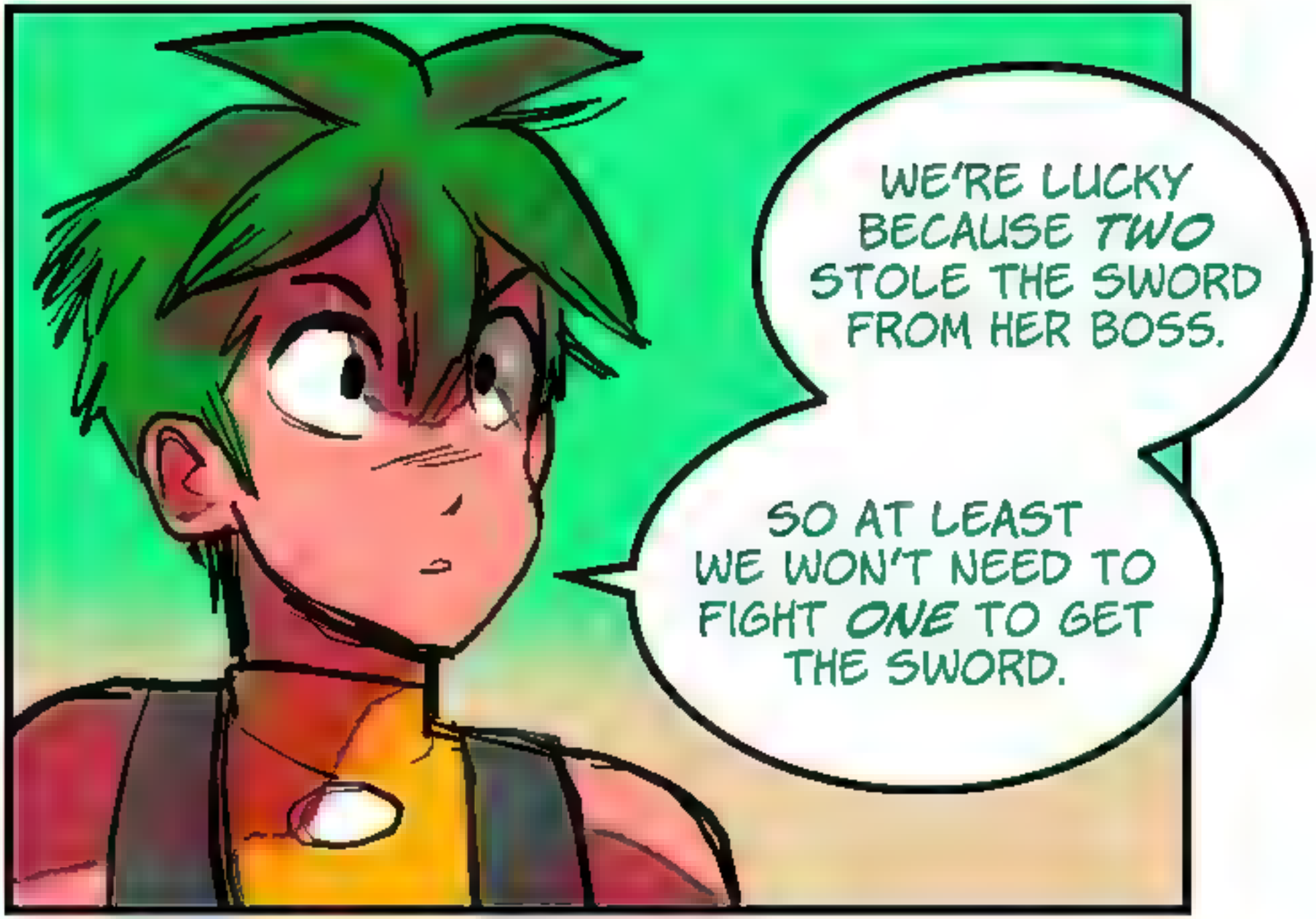
AND
THEIR STRENGTH
SEEMS TO INCREASE
EXPONENTIALLY THE
FEWER EYES THAT
THEY HAVE...




THAT'S WHY THREE WAS SO MUCH STRONGER THAN HIS 5 AND 6 EYED MINIONS...
AND TWO IS AN ORDER OF MAGNITUDE STRONGER THAN HE WAS.

AND THEIR BOSS... SHE ONLY HAS ONE EYE. HER STRENGTH IS OFF THE CHARTS.

AS A GENERAL RULE, JUST STEER CLEAR OF ANY GIANT WITH LESS THAN 5 EYES. THEY'RE BAD NEWS.


WE'RE LUCKY BECAUSE *TWO* STOLE THE SWORD FROM HER BOSS.
SO AT LEAST WE WON'T NEED TO FIGHT *ONE* TO GET THE SWORD.

SHE'S BEYOND OUR CAPABILITIES TO

CAPABILITIES TO
TAKE ON...

I'VE NEVER MET A FOE THAT I COULD NOT DEFEAT.

TRUST ME... IT'S NOT A GOOD IDEA.

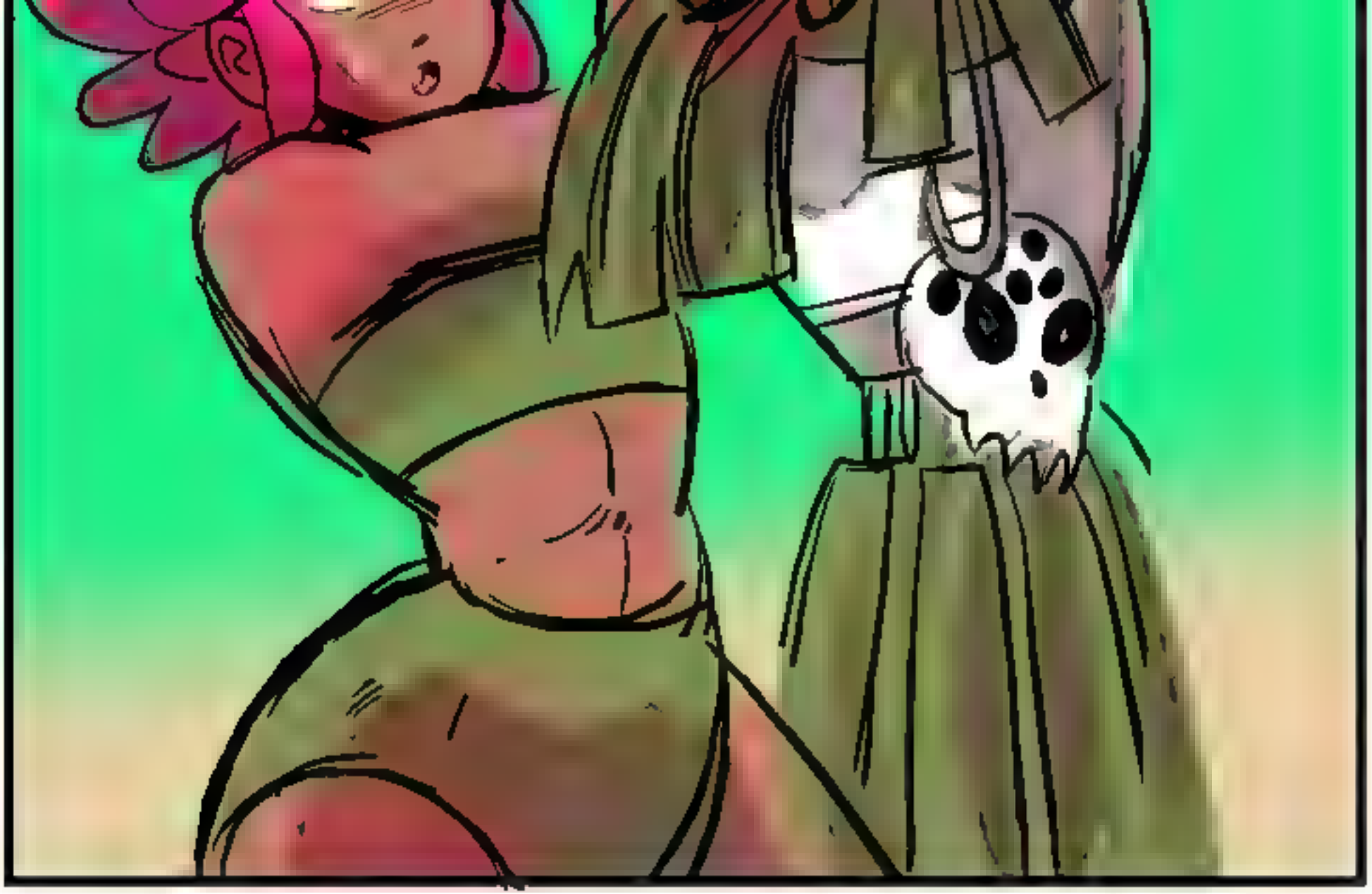
HE'S RIGHT. WE NEED TO COUNT OUR BLESSINGS, FOCUS ON TWO, RECOVER THE SWORD AND GET OUT OF

I TRUST YE GENTLMEN HAVE A PLAN THEN?

TAK
TAK

WE DO! BUT BEFORE I FORGET... WE BROUGHT SOMETHING FOR YOU!

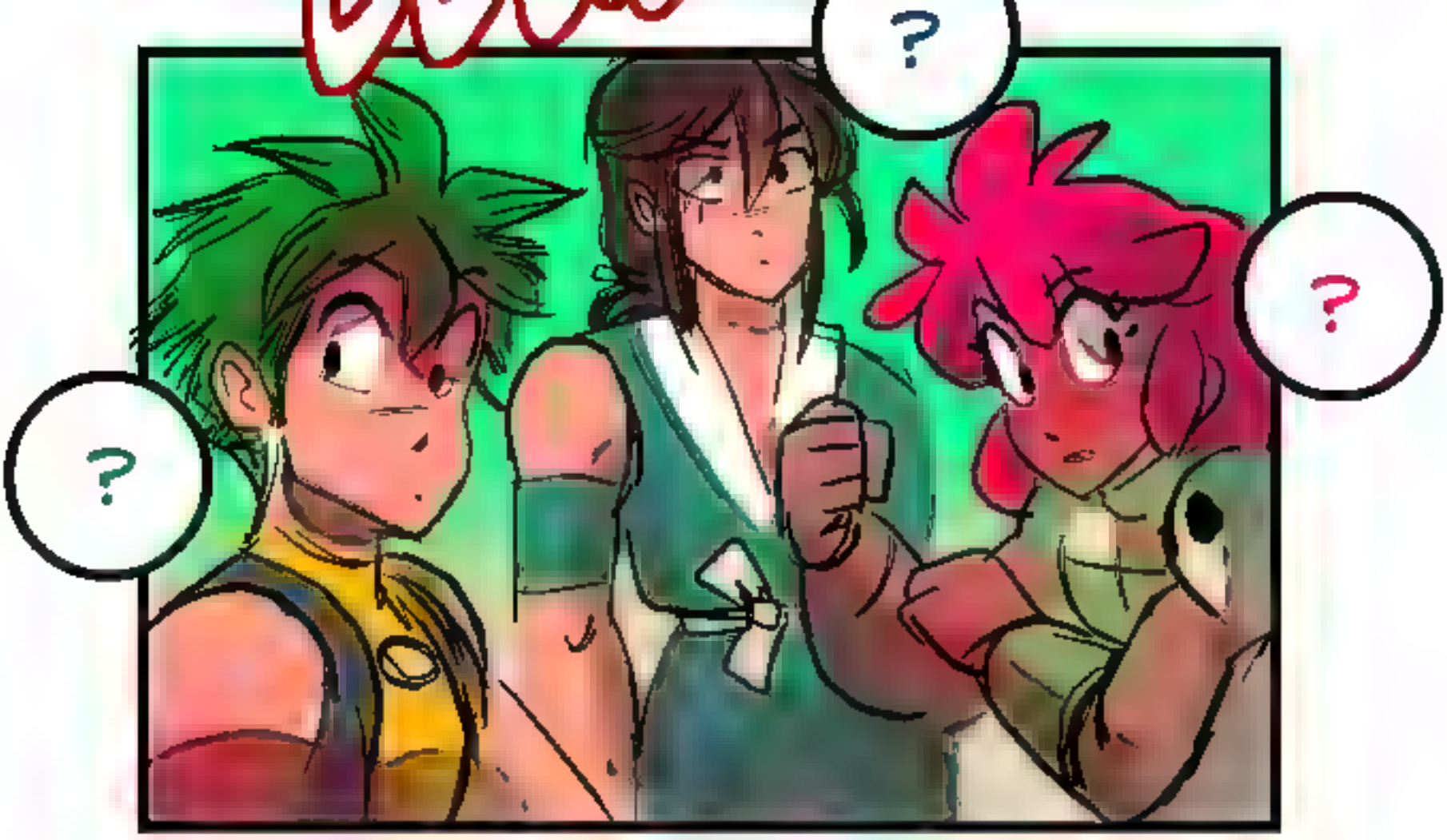
?
WHAT IS IT?



IT'S *ARMOR!*
BUT NOT ONLY
THAT, THESE PIECES
ARE ESPECIALLY SUITED
TO STAND UP TO THE
GIANTS' ATTACKS.

HA!
IT LOOKS
GREAT,
SYL!

BEWUGH!



WHAT IS THE MEANING OF *THIS*!?

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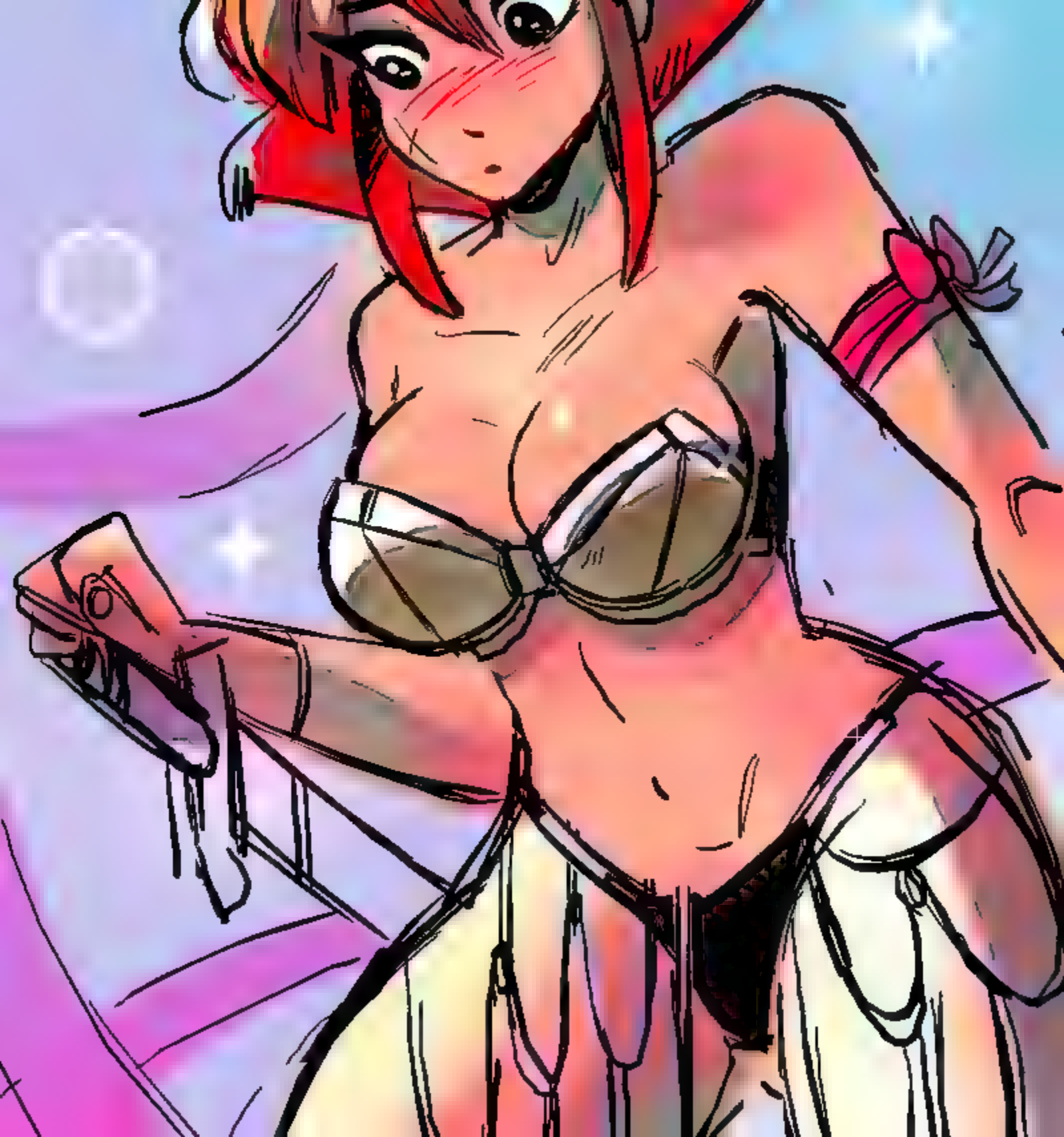
IT'S... MEANT
TO PROTECT YOU

IN BATTLE.

HOW IS *THIS* SUPPOSED TO PROTECT ME? IT COVERS *NOTHING!*



NICE TRY, PERVERTS. I SHALL KEEP MY OWN ARMOR, THANK YOU.

SIGH

I UNDERSTAND YOUR CONCERN, BUT IT DOES ACTUALLY PROVIDE MORE PROTECTION THAN IT APPEARS. YOU REALLY SHOULD WEAR IT.
IF IT IS TRULY AS GOOD AS YE SAY...

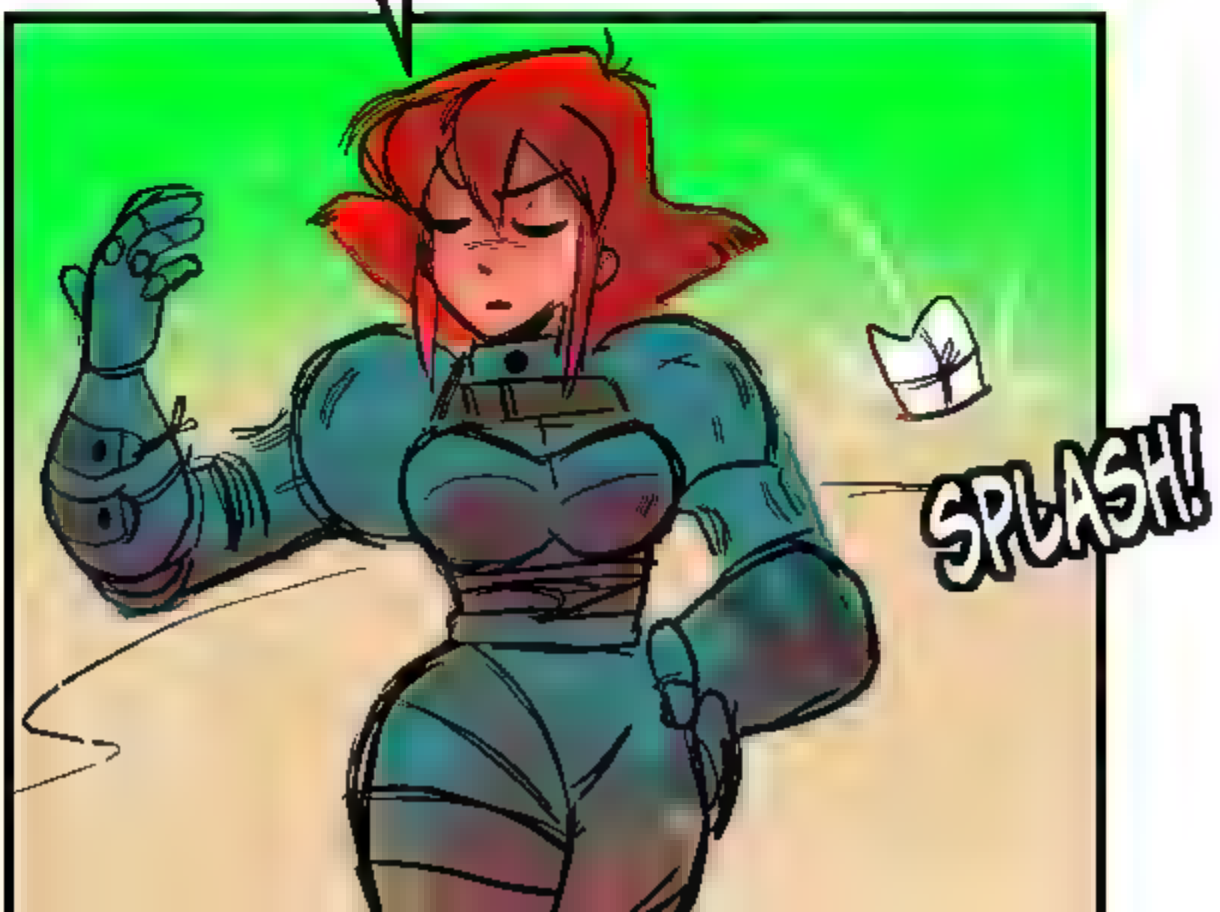
THEN BY *ALL MEANS*, YE SHOULD TAKE IT FOR *THYSELF!*

SYLVIA'S
IMAGINATION

I WOULD NEVER PASS UP AN ARMOR UPGRADE REGARDLESS OF WHAT IT LOOKED LIKE.

BUT I'M ALREADY WEARING THE OPTIMAL GEAR, SO THANKS ANYWAY.

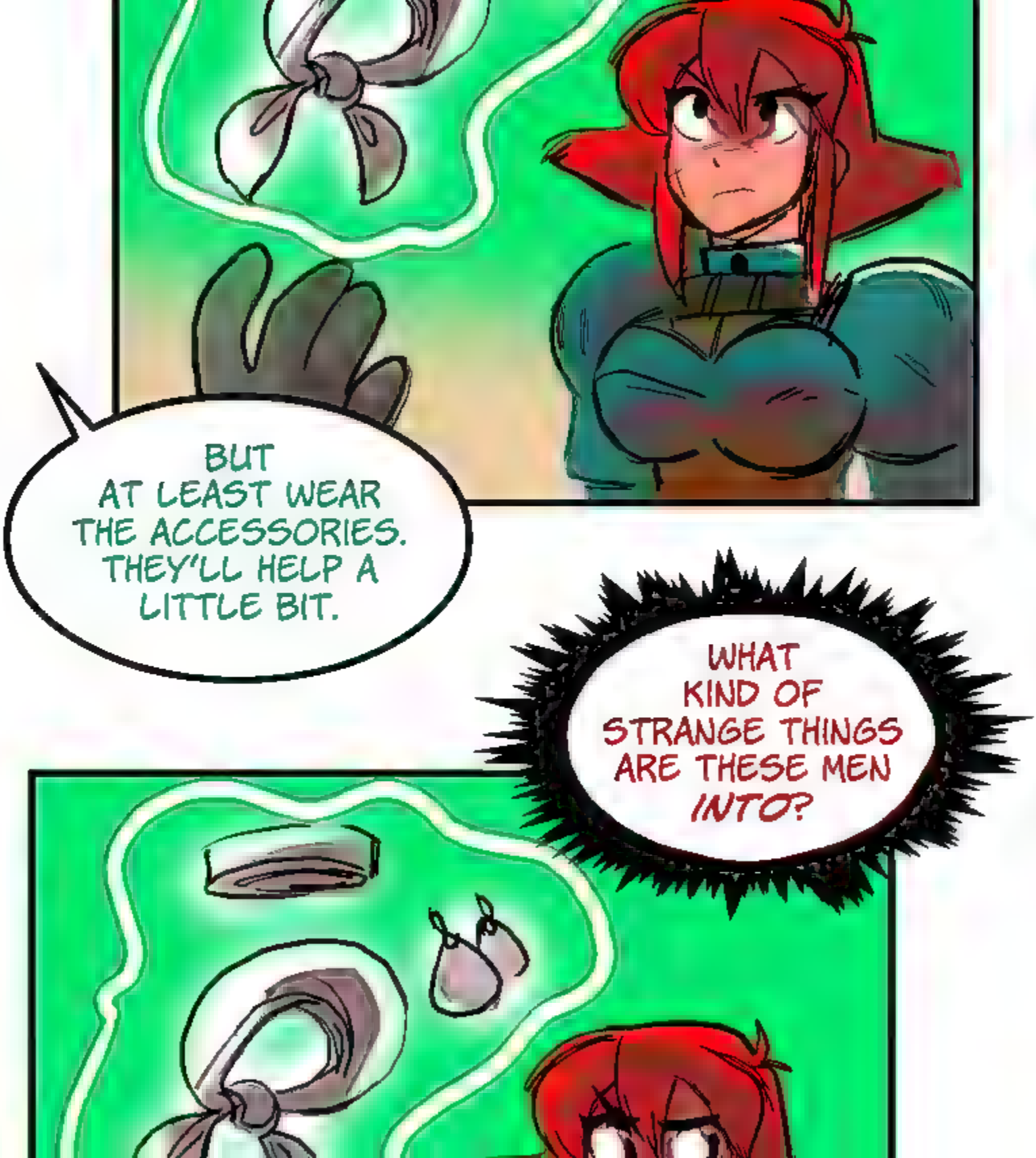
I SUPPOSE *NOBODY* NEEDS THIS, THEN.



W-WAIT!

ZOOM!

YOU DON'T HAVE TO WEAR THE SUIT IF YOU HATE IT.


BUT AT LEAST WEAR THE ACCESSORIES. THEY'LL HELP A LITTLE BIT.
WHAT KIND OF STRANGE THINGS ARE THESE MEN INTO?

PLOP!

I SUPPOSE THESE ITEMS LOOK HARMLESS...

VERY WELL.

GREAT. LOOKS LIKE WE'RE ALL READY. LET'S NOT DELAY ANY FURTHER.

TWO WILL BE PATROLLING THAT BRIDGE FOR A COUPLE MORE HOURS. WE'LL CORNER HER THERE.

LET'S GO.

THY FRIEND IS A RATHER IMPATIENT FELLOW.

I KNOW HE SEEMS A BIT... UNPLEASANT AT FIRST.
BUT

HE'S NOT A BAD PERSON ONCE YOU GET TO KNOW HIM...

HE'S SUFFERED THROUGH THINGS THAT WE CAN'T IMAGINE IN THIS PLACE...
THAT KIND OF EXPERIENCE WOULD TAKE A TOLL ON THE

US...

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